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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 15 and 18 are objected to because of the following informalities: The examiner believed "personal compute" should have been "personal computer" in the second line of the claims and treated those claims under such assumption. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vaziri et al. (WO 98/37665).

In regarding to claim 1, Vaziri teaches a method for converting a public switched telephone network call to a data network call, the method comprising: a) receiving the public switched telephone network call from an origination phone at a destination phone 504; b) identifying a caller identifier for the public switched telephone network call 610; c) rejecting the public switched transmission call 506, 510; d) placing a call to a network service provider 510; e) determining a network

address for the origination phone 516; and f) completing a network call with the origination phone 520.

In regarding to claim 2, Vaziri teaches the destination phone as a personalized computer 1304 (Page 42 Line 17).

In regarding to claim 3, Vaziri teaches the destination phone as a customized telephone (Page 6 Line 8).

In regarding to claim 4, Vaziri teaches the call to the network service provider 706 made via PSTN 702.

In regarding to claim 5, Vaziri teaches the call to the network service provider is made via a local area network (Page 44 Line 1-2).

In regarding to claim 6, Vaziri teaches a method for converting a public switched telephone network call to a data network call, the method comprising: a) placing a public switched telephone network call from an origination phone to a destination phone 502; b) detecting a rejected call from the destination phone 506, 508; c) placing a call to a network service provider 508; d) determining a network address for the destination phone 516; and e) completing a network call with the destination phone 520.

In regarding to claim 7, Vaziri teaches the origination phone as a personalized computer 1304 (Page 42 Line 17).

In regarding to claim 8 Vaziri teaches the origination phone as a customized telephone (Page 6 Line 8).

In regarding to claim 9, Vaziri teaches the call to the network service provider 706 made via PSTN 702.

In regarding to claim 10, Vaziri teaches the call to the network service provider is made via a local area network (Page 44 Line 1-2).

In regarding to claim 11, Vaziri teaches a network phone, comprising: a) a phone connector operable to connect to a public switched telephone network 406; b) a transmitter 2B15 operable to transmit signals corresponding to a phone number for a call destination and a call identifier; c) a detector 2B15 operable to receive an incoming call from another station and detect supplementary signals associated with that call; d) a processor 2B03 operable to i) place a public switched telephone network call to a service provider in response to the supplementary signals 508; ii) detect a network address for the other station 516; and iii) complete a network call between the network phone and the other station 520.

In regarding to claim 12, Vaziri teaches the network phone as a personalized computer 1304 (Page 42 Line 17).

In regarding to claim 13, Vaziri teaches the network phone as a customized telephone (Page 6 Line 8).

In regarding to claim 14, Vaziri teaches a) receiving a public switched telephone network call from an origination phone at a destination phone 504; b) identifying a caller identifier for the public switched telephone network call 610; c) rejecting the public switched transmission call 506, 510; d) placing a call to a network service provider 510; e) determining a network address for the origination phone 516; and f) completing a network call with the origination phone 520.

In regarding to claim 15, Vaziri teaches the software code executed by a personal computer 1304 equipped to place public switched telephone network calls (Page 42 Line 17).

In regarding to claim 16, Vaziri teaches the software code executed by a customized telephone (Page 6 Line 8).

In regarding to claim 17, Vaziri teaches a) placing a public switched telephone network call from an origination phone to a destination phone 502; b) detecting a rejected call from the destination phone 506, 508; c) placing a call to a network service provider 508; d) determining a network address for the destination phone 516; and e) completing a network call with the destination phone 520.

In regarding to claim 18, Vaziri teaches the software code executed by a personal computer 1304 equipped to place public switched telephone network calls (Page 42 Line 17).

In regarding to claim 19, Vaziri teaches the software code executed by a customized telephone (Page 6 Line 8).

In regarding to claim 20, Vaziri teaches a network phone, comprising: a) a means 406 for connecting to a public switched telephone network; b) a means 2B15 for transmitting signals corresponding to a phone number for a call destination and a call identifier, c) a means 2B15 for receiving an incoming call from another station and detect supplementary signals associated with that call; d) a means 2B03 for placing a public switched telephone network call to a service provider in response to the supplementary signals 508; e) a means 2B03 for detecting a network address for the other station 516; and f) a means 2B03 for completing a network call between the network phone and the other station 520.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to the internet telephony in general.

U.S. Patent 5995606 to Civanlar et al.

U.S. Patent 6,377,570 to Vaziri et al.

U.S. Patent 6650901 to Schuster et al.

U.S. Patent 6463053 to Chen

U.S. Patent 6590869 to Beyda et al.

U.S. Patent 6636508 to Li et al.

U.S. Patent 6614786 to Byers

U.S. Patent 5805587 to Norris et al.

U.S. Patent 5625676 to Greco et al.

U.S. Patent 6144667 to Doshi et al.


U.S. Pub. 2002/0181670 to Myers et al.

U.S. Pub. 2003/0108172 to Petty et al.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clemence Han whose telephone number is (703) 305-0372. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (703) 308-6602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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